RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): That information is not available. But, the Dewan Peishkar reports that, as soon as necessity for relief was felt, it was given by the local officers.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Was any information submitted to Government by the non-officials?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I have no information about that.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): As a permanent remedy to minimise the havoc done by the floods, will the Government consider the feasibility of making a road connecting Ambalapuzha taluk with Tiruvalla taluk?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I do not know whether that will help to mitigate floods. Anyhow, that is a matter to be considered by Government.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): Does the member know that there have been floods in North Travancore?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissione.*): Yes.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): May I know whether there is any Government record defining the limits of Kuttanad?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

Statham Committee Report.

48*. **MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have made arrangements to print and publish the Statham Committee's Report;

(*b*) whether they would afford an opportunity to the Assembly for an expression of its views on the said Report before final orders are passed on it by Government.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) This may not be practicable. Copies of the Report will be placed before the Assembly.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Will the Government be pleased to state why it is not practicable to afford an opportunity for this Assembly to discuss the Statham Committee Report?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There are some minor recommendations in the Report on which urgent action has to be taken, and since the Assembly may meet next only two or three months hence, it may not be practicable to await the consideration by the Assembly in regard to all the recommendations of the Report. But Government hope to allow the House an opportunity to discuss the major recommendations of the Committee.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Have the Government gone through the Report?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Dewan has read through it. (*Laughter.*)

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : It is not the same as the Government going through it. (*Laughter.*)

PRESIDENT : Not the whole of it.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : All right, Sir.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : May I know whether the Government propose to give effect to the Report piecemeal or in a comprehensive manner ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There are some recommendations which call for immediate action ; but the major recommendations, affecting the general educational policy of the State, will be considered as a whole and discussed by this House.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : In view of the very great importance of the subject, may I know why Government do not find their way to place the Report before the Assembly before orders are issued ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : As I said, there are some purely administrative matters which have to be expedited. It is only on such minor matters that action is proposed to be taken immediately.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Am I to understand that, except on such minor recommendations, all the major proposals in the Report will be allowed to be scrutinised by the Assembly?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have said that the Assembly will be allowed an opportunity to discuss the major recommendations.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Before orders are passed ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : For helping Government to pass final orders ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Just so.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : What are the emergent recommendations which have to be immediately carried out ?

PRESIDENT : The report has not been published. So, questions as to its contents are not relevant.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : May I know whether it is a confidential document.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It will not be confidential after publication. (*Laughter.*)

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : Now it is confidential ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

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MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): ഈ കമ്മിറ്റി യുടെ റിപ്പോർട്ടിന്മേൽ യാതൊരു ഭേദഗതിയും ചെയ്യുന്നതല്ലെന്നുള്ള സൂക്ഷ്മമായ വ്യവസ്ഥയിൻമേലാണൊ ഈ കമ്മിറ്റിയെ നിയമിച്ച്. ട്ടുള്ളതു?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Not all.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): May I know whether the decision of the Assembly on the major questions will have any effect on the minor recommendations to be given effect to by Government immediately?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Not all.

PRESIDENT: That is a hypothetical question.

Construction of a bridge on the Karikode Sankarapilly road.

49.* MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Thodupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have sanctioned the construction of a bridge across the stream on the Karikode-Sankarapilly road;

(*b*) if so, whether it was given on contract; and

(*c*) if the answers to the above are in the affirmative, who the contractor is and why work was not yet begun; and

(*d*) how long will it take for the beginning and completion of the work?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*, *c* and *d*) The work could not be started so far for want of funds. Provision has been made in the Budget for 1109 and the work will be taken up next year.

Construction of Kanjikuzhi-Mohama Road.

50.* MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Will the Government be pleased to state why the construction of Kanjikuzhi-Mohama road is not yet taken up?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): The work has not been taken up because the land-owners have not surrendered the required lands as promised.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know whether any amount, out of the total estimated cost of the work, was allotted last year for this work?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Yes, there was an allotment last year.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Am I to take it that no new work will be undertaken in Shertala unless sites are surrendered free by the people?

PRESIDENT: Please confine your questions to the particular point raised in the interpellation.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Am I to take it that this scheme will be dropped by the Government unless the land-owners surrender the lands free?

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